

SMALL ENTITY CLAIM

Applicant is entitled to claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-40 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 33-42 of parent case U.S. Patent 6,603,842.

Responsive thereto, Applicant is submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). The terminal disclaimer fee at the small entity rate may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290

In view of the above, it is believed that claims 1-40 are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

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